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II. Claims

Claims 1-6, 8-30 and 92-126 are pending in the present application. Claims 26, 117 and 122 have been amended as set forth below. This listing and version of the claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims.

1. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting race entry data through a computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race entry data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race entry data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of scheduled races at each of said tracks at a future day, and a listing of original entries in each of said races;

transmitting race program data through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race program data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race program data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of currently scheduled races at each of said tracks for a current day, and a listing of current entries in each of said races;

transmitting live odds through said computer network to said user terminal for races included within said race program data which are open for wagering and for which live odds are available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal; and

updating through said computer network said live odds transmitted to said user terminal at predetermined time intervals, wherein said updated live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said race program data further comprise a program number and post position for each current entry in each of said races.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said race entry data further comprise morning line odds for said original entries.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said race entry data further comprise an original jockey for each original entry and an original trainer for each original entry, and said race program data further comprise a current jockey for each current entry and a current trainer for each current entry.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of transmitting a listing of at least one past performance product, at least one handicapping product, or at least one tip selection product, or a combination thereof, to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said listing is displayed to said user, and prompting said user to

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select at least one product from said listing, wherein a request for a selected product is transmitted by said user terminal through said computer network.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of charging a credit card of said user, a wagering account of said user, or a promotional account of said user if said user requests any of said products.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 126, further comprising the steps of transmitting results data through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said results data include a listing of a plurality of race tracks, a listing of completed races at said tracks, and the finish order for entries in said races and payoffs for said entries.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said results data include the finish order of entries from said race selected by said user and payoffs for said entries.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of transmitting weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said weather conditions are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of causing updated weather conditions for tracks to be displayed by said user terminal at predetermined time intervals.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting forecasted weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal, wherein said forecasted weather conditions are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of transmitting race contest news articles to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said race contest news articles are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to search archived race contest news articles, wherein search results for a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal, prompting said user to select an archived race contest news article from said search results, and transmitting an archived race contest news article selected by said user through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said selected archived race news article is displayed to said user by said user terminal.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said program data include post times for said currently scheduled races, the method further comprising the steps of

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prompting said user to select a time zone for displaying post times for said currently scheduled races and causing said post times for said currently scheduled races to be expressed in a selected time zone when displayed to said user by said user terminal.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of prompting said user to select a country before transmitting said race entry data and said race program data, said transmitted race entry data and said transmitted race program data identifying races from a country selected by said user.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal a search board, wherein said search board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said search board prompting said user to select a search of race program data and race entry data for races having entries including a horse, jockey, or trainer, or combination thereof selected by said user; and

transmitting through said computer network to said user terminal results of a search selected by said user, wherein said results are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said results identifying races including a horse, jockey, or trainer entries, or combination thereof, selected by said user in said search.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of causing said search results to be organizable by said user by track, date, race, class, purse, distance, surface, simulcast track, post position, post time, horse, weight, claim amount, equipment, medication, jockey, trainer, morning line odds, or horse owner, or combination thereof.

19. (original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to select a horse, a jockey, or a trainer from said search results and transmitting statistical data for a horse, jockey, or trainer selected by said user through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said statistical data are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

prompting said user to select a search of said listing for races having at least one race characteristic; and

causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said

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user terminal, said search results including an indication of races that share said at least one race characteristic from said listing of a plurality of races.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-time, track name, purse name, race number, restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute, simulcast, or combination thereof.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of prompting said user to organize said search results according to a race characteristic and causing said search results to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results organized by a race characteristic selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting a race board through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time;

prompting said user to organize said listing by at least one race characteristic; and

causing said listing to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein said race board organized by a race characteristic selected by said user is displayed to said user by said user terminal.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute, or simulcast.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of prompting said user to search said listing for races having at least one race characteristic and causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

26. (currently amended) A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a computer network, comprising the steps of:

prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

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transmitting a track board through said computer network to a user terminal, wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board including a listing of tracks and a listing of a plurality of races at each of said tracks for a date selected by said user;

distinguishing said races from each other to said user in said track board by status as completed, open for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing from said track board;

displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

displaying race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

displaying race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of updating the statuses of said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

28. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said statuses are distinguished by color.

29. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as closed for wagering with no results available, open for wagering with live odds available, and open for wagering with no live odds available.

30. (original) The method of claim 29, further comprising the steps of transmitting live odds to said user terminal through said computer network if the status of said selected race is open for wagering with live odds available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal, and updating said live odds at predetermined time intervals.

31-91. (Canceled)

92. (previously presented) The system of Claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing race entry data through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race entry data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race entry data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of scheduled races at each of said tracks at a future day, and a listing of original entries in each of said races;

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means for providing race program data through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race program data are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race program data including a listing of a plurality of tracks, a listing of currently scheduled races at each of said tracks at a current day, and a listing of current entries in each of said races;

means for providing live odds through said computer network to said user terminal for races included within said race program data which are open for wagering and for which live odds are available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal; and

means for updating through said computer network said live odds transmitted to said user terminal at predetermined time intervals, wherein said updated live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

93. (previously presented) The system of claim 92, wherein said race program data further comprise a program number and post position for each current entry in each of said races.

94. (previously presented) The system of claim 92, wherein said race entry data further comprise morning line odds for said original entries.

95. (previously presented) The system of claim 92, wherein said race entry data further comprise an original jockey for each original entry and an original trainer for each original entry, and said race program data further comprise a current jockey for each current entry and a current trainer for each current entry.

96. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing a listing of at least one past performance product, at least one handicapping product, or at least one tip selection product, or a combination thereof, to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said listing is displayed to said user and prompts said user to select at least one product from said listing; and

means for receiving a request for a selected product from said user terminal.

97. (previously presented) The system of claim 96, wherein further comprising means for charging a credit card of said user, a wagering account of said user, or a promotional account of said user if said user requests any of said products.

98. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing a list of races that have not yet been run through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said list of races is displayed to said user by said user terminal;

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means for receiving through said computer network a mock wager on at least one of said listed races;

means for comparing a selected mock wager with results of said races; and means for awarding a prize to said user based on said comparison.

99. (previously presented) The system of claim 98, further comprising:

means for providing results data through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said results data include a listing of a plurality of race tracks, a listing of completed races at said tracks, and the finish order for entries in said races and payoffs for said entries.

100. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, wherein said results data include the finish order of entries from said race selected by said user and payoffs for said entries.

101. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said weather conditions are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

102. (previously presented) The system of claim 101, further comprising means for providing updated weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal at predetermined time intervals, wherein said updated conditions are displayed by said user terminal.

103. (previously presented) The system of claim 102, further comprising:

means for providing forecasted weather conditions for said tracks to said user terminal, wherein said forecasted weather conditions are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

104. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing race contest news articles to said user terminal through said computer network, wherein said race contest news articles are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

105. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing to said user search results for a search selected by said user of archived race contest news articles; and

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means for providing through said computer network to said user terminal an archived race contest news article from said search results selected by said user, wherein said selected archived race news article is displayed to said user by said user terminal.

106. (previously presented) The system of claim 92, wherein said program data include post times for said currently scheduled races, the system further comprising:

means for prompting said user to select a time zone for displaying post times for said currently scheduled races; and

means for causing said post times for said currently scheduled races to be expressed in a selected time zone when displayed to said user by said user terminal.

107. (previously presented) The system of claim 92, further comprising:

means for prompting said user to select a country before providing said race entry data and said race program data, said provided race entry data and said provided race program data identifying races from a country selected by said user.

108. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing through said computer network to said user terminal a search board, wherein said search board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said search board prompting said user to select a search of said race program data and said race entry data for races having entries including a horse, jockey, or trainer, or combination thereof selected by said user; and

means for providing through said computer network to said user terminal results of a search selected by said user, wherein said results are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said results identifying races including a horse, jockey, or trainer entries, or combination thereof, selected by said user in said search.

109. (previously presented) The system of claim 108, further comprising:

means for causing said search results to be organizeable by said user by track, date, race, class, purse, distance, surface, simulcast track, post position, post time, horse, weight, claim amount, equipment, medication, jockey, trainer, morning line odds, or horse owner, or combination thereof.

110. (previously presented) The system of claim 108, further comprising:

means for prompting said user to select a horse, a jockey, or a trainer from said search results; and

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means for providing statistical data for a horse, jockey, or trainer selected by said user through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said statistical data are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

111. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing a race board through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time; said race board prompting said user to select a search of said listing for races having at least one race characteristic; and

means for causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal, said search results including an indication of races that share said at least one race characteristic from said listing of a plurality of races.

112. (previously presented) The system of 111, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-time, track name, purse name, race number, restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute, simulcast, or combination thereof.

113. (previously presented) The system of claim 112, further comprising:

means for prompting said user to organize said search results according to a race characteristic; and

means for causing said search results to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results organized by a race characteristic selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

114. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for providing a race board through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said race board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said race board including a listing of a plurality of races scheduled for a predetermined period of time, said race prompting said user to organize said listing by at least one race characteristic; and

means for causing said listing to be organizable by a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein said race board organized by a race characteristic selected by said user is displayed to said user by said user terminal.

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115. (previously presented) The system of claim 114, wherein said race characteristic includes race class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-time, track name, purse value, race number, race restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute, or simulcast.

116. (previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for prompting said user to search said listing for races having at least one race characteristic; and

means for causing said listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

117. (previously presented) A system for providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a computer network, comprising:

means for prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

means for providing a track board through said computer network to a user terminal, wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board including a listing of tracks and a listing of a plurality of races at each of said tracks for a date selected by said user, said track board distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

means for providing results data for a race selected by said user to said user terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

means for providing said race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering; and

means for providing said race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering.

118. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, further comprising:

means for updating the statuses of said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.

119. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, wherein said statuses are distinguished by color.

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120. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, wherein said races are distinguished from each other to said user by status as closed for wagering with no results available, open for wagering with live odds available, and open for wagering with no live odds available.

121. (previously presented) The system of claim 120, further comprising:

means for providing live odds to said user terminal through said computer network if the status of said selected race is open for wagering with live odds available, wherein said live odds are displayed to said user by said user terminal; and

means for updating said live odds at said user terminal at predetermined time intervals.

122. (currently amended) The method system of claim 26, wherein said computer network includes the Internet.

123. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, wherein said computer network includes the Internet.

124. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein:

said race entry data comprise a listing of original entries for said race selected by said user, said selected race being at a future day; and

said program data comprise a listing of current entries for said race selected by said user, said selected race being for a currently scheduled race for a current day.

125. (previously presented) The system of claim 117, wherein:

said race entry data comprise a listing of original entries for said race selected by said user, said selected race being at a future day; and

said program data comprise a listing of current entries for said races selected by said user, said selected race being for a currently scheduled race for a current day.

126. (previously presented) A method of providing wagering data for a race contest to a user through a computer network, comprising the steps of:

prompting said user to select a date within a predefined time period;

transmitting a track board through said computer network to a user terminal, wherein said track board is displayed to said user by said user terminal, said track board including a listing of tracks and a listing of races at said tracks for a date selected by said user;

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distinguishing said races from each other to said user by status as completed, open for wagering, and not yet open for wagering;

prompting said user to select a race from a track in said listing;

displaying results data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is completed;

displaying race program data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is open for wagering;

displaying race entry data for a race selected by said user to said user with said user terminal if the status of said selected race is not yet open for wagering;

wherein the method further comprises the steps of transmitting a list of races that have not yet been run through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein said list of races is displayed to said user by said user terminal, prompting said user to place a mock wager on at least one of said listed races, comparing a selected mock wager with results of said races, and awarding a prize to said user based on said comparison.